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FEDERAL GRANT AWARDED TO CALIFORNIA VETERANS HOME IN YOUNTVILLE

SACRAMENTO, JUNE 14, 2006 -- California's historic Veterans Home at Yountville will receive much needed repairs as a result of a grant of more than \$800,000 from the United State Department of Veterans Affairs. California Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Thomas Johnson said today the \$807,000 will be used to fund much-needed repairs on the historic facility, which is home to more than 1,100 California Veterans.

"Our veterans have made tremendous sacrifices while serving this nation. It is our duty to continue to provide them with quality health care and safe, comfortable facilities," said Johnson. "The improvements made possible by this federal grant will ensure that the veterans who call the Yountville veterans campus their home will continue to have access to safe, top-notch health care in a comfortable environment."

The USDVA grant will pay up to 65% of the cost for general renovations at the home, including a new chiller for the facility's air conditioning system. The overall cost of the project is estimated to be \$1.24 million.

The Yountville home provides five levels of care to more than 1,100 California Veterans. The facility is also home to the Wine Country Simulation Center, which will be used to enhance nursing education in the Napa Valley.

"We are grateful to the USDVA for continuing to look to the future needs of our veterans by ensuring that the facilities at the Veterans Home in Yountville are updated through this unique federal-state partnership," Johnson added.

Last year, the USDVA spent nearly \$6 billion to provide health care, disability compensation, memorial benefits and other services to California's 2.3 million veterans. The USDVA operates 10 major medical centers, 49 outpatient clinics, 11 nursing homes and six national cemeteries in California.

The CDVA provides outreach to veterans reentering civilian life after having answered America's call to military service, by helping them claim their earned veterans benefits and provides low-cost loans to acquire homes and farms. The Department also provides aged and disabled veterans rehabilitative, residential, and medical care and services in home-like environments at the California Veterans Homes In Yountville, Barstow and Chula Vista, and recently opened the first state Veterans Cemetery in Shasta County.

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